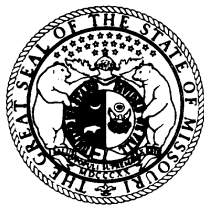


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## Situation Report Winter Storm

January 15, 2007, Evening Report

### UPDATED INFORMATION IS IN BOLD

#### SUMMARY

A series of severe winter storms swept across Missouri on Friday, January 12, 2007, causing moderate to heavy damage throughout the state. A cold front crossed Missouri on Friday morning January 12, 2007 dropping temperatures from the mid-fifties into the high twenties. Moisture from the Gulf of Mexico overrode the cold front causing large amount of freezing rain and/or sleet. An area from Oklahoma City to St. Louis along the I-44 corridor was the heaviest hit. A second round of freezing precipitation took place on Saturday. In the third round, many areas received rain in lieu of freezing precipitation on Sunday. National Weather Service indicates warming in the latter part of this week.

#### Fatalities

Location	Fatalities	Notes
Dade County	1	Traffic-related
Harrison County	1	Traffic-related
Lawrence County*	1	CO-related
Jackson County	3	3 - Traffic-related
Johnson County	1	Traffic-related
St Francois County	1	Traffic-related
STATE TOTAL	8	7 traffic-related; 1 CO-related

#### Power restoration

Officials report more than **279,000** customers are without power as a result of the storm. Springfield City Utilities reported **40,000** customers still without power. **Ameren UE has 79,800 customers without service. Full restoration is expected by Wednesday, January 17, 2007.** 80,000 Empire Electric customers in southwest Missouri are without power. Rural electric coops **89,000** and Empire Electric report **67,000** customers without power, mostly in southwest Missouri. **Expectation is restoration by next week, unless otherwise noted.**

#### County Reports

**Barry County**—Officials estimated 9,000 homes without power on Saturday. **Two** shelters open at this time in Monett, Missouri. **Officials are readying another shelter in the event the backup power to the city fails. Fuel for emergency vehicles is a critical issue.** Town of Miller has reported that its water tower has run dry and Barry County has requested water. **Missouri National Guard will send a Liaison to assist both Barry and Lawrence Counties with Guard assistance. The Missouri Highway Patrol is sending a command bus to Monett to assist both Barry and Lawrence County EOCs.**

**Camden County** -- reported opening two shelters and they are looking into opening a third shelter.

**Christian County**—Officials estimate 10,000 people without power, with the biggest problems in Billings and Clever where 90-100% of homes are without power. Two shelters were open Saturday night, with total population of 32 people. Additional shelters may be opened depending on continued power outages.

**Dallas County**—Officials report widespread power outages throughout the County and the City of Buffalo. Three shelters were opened in the overnight with a population of 180. They are still looking for additional chainsaw crews and a bulldozer for debris clearance.

**Greene County**—Officials report three inches of freezing rain, causing power outages to 70,000 people. Multiple shelters were opened Friday with a population of 150. One special needs shelter has been opened. One nursing home has been evacuated and several more have indicated the necessity to move. Six warming centers were open on Sunday. **Greene County reports that 40,000 customers are without power. Nine shelters open with approximately 10000 people. Three special needs shelters are open. Water and food will be a critical item. ARC is managing a distribution site for water, food, cots and blankets. IMT team working in the EOC.**

**Laclede County**—Officials report about 12,800 without power. **Are operating a large shelter for 300 people at the civic center and more people are expected as power outages continue.**

**Lawrence County**—Officials report widespread power outages in county; warming centers set up in Monett, Aurora, and Mt. Vernon. **Opened 9 shelter, several are in overflow status. There are currently 300 at the shelters. Fuel for emergency vehicles and debris removal are critical issues.**

**Lincoln County**—Officials report significant power outages in Old Monroe. 54 people from a nursing home in Moscow Mills were evacuated to a shelter.

**Maries County**—Officials report power out in most of Vienna, affecting an assisted-living center, two senior living complexes, and the water system.

**McDonald County**—Officials in Anderson, Lanagan, and Pineville report widespread outages throughout their cities. Generators have been requested to keep water systems running.

**Miller County**—Officials report about 150 customers without power. One shelter was open Saturday night in Iberia with a population of about 30 people.

**Newton County**—Officials report 40,000 customers without power. **Operating 7 shelters for 200 people on Sunday night expecting more people tonight. Need 200 more cots. The Guard is putting a liaison officer in their EOC.**

**Polk County**—The TSA sent an IMT team to the EOC “WE are in much better shape now,” officials commented. Officials report widespread damage throughout the County, especially in Bolivar and Pleasant Hope. An estimated 8,000 customers in Bolivar are without power. **Opening a 4<sup>th</sup> shelter expected to have 260 people. The Guard is delivering 150 cots from ARC. Food for shelters will be critical. Mo. Dept of Social Services is working on the problem with volunteer agencies. Debris and Fuel are problems. City EOC is operating at Level II. Cell phones are inoperative.**

**Pulaski County**—City of Crocker had power outages early in the storm, but power has since been restored. About 400 people remain without power in Waynesville. One shelter was open overnight.

**St. Charles County**—One-quarter inch of ice reported Friday night. Officials estimate **19,800 Ameren and 4,000 Cuiver River Electric** without power. **Operating 3 shelters for 40 people.**

**Franklin County** – **7,800 Crawford Electric and 5,400 Ameren customers without power. Operated 2 warming centers. Opened one shelter for 10 people yesterday.**

**St Louis City**—Officials reported no shelters opened and normal Fire/Police operations. They continue to monitor the situation.

**St. Louis County**—Officials report 85,000 customers without power. **Three shelters** were open in the overnight, with total population of 29. **Nine** warming centers for 7 people were open on Sunday. **30** traffic signals are out of power

(this includes MoDOT signals). And they are working closely with District MoDOT officials to get them restored and operating. **No hospitals are on diversion. Fire Calls are at normal levels.**

**Warren County**—EOC is operational. 1,292 people without power. Warming centers were opened last night.

**Webster County**—Officials report widespread power outages with numerous trees down. One shelter was open Saturday in Marshfield. Road department also checking low-water crossings for potential damage. **Critical issues are oxygen for special needs (they are addressing), fuel and kerosene for heating and emergency vehicles. City of Diggins without water for two days, generator is the way. Directed the EOC to go to Springfield for bottled water. Niangua sewer plant is online again. City of Marshfield is on generators. OK except for emergency vehicle fuel concerns.**

#### State Actions

On Saturday, **Governor Blunt** signed Executive Order 07-02 declaring a State of Emergency in response to the winter storm. He also signed Executive Order 07-04 activating the National Guard to assist with the emergency response. **Governor is officially requesting a Federal Expedited Disaster Declaration for 34 Counties and the City of St. Louis.**

**State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)** is operating the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) on a 24-hour basis. SEMA officials plan to staff the SEOC at least through **Wednesday evening.**

**Missouri National Guard (MONG)** has about **500 people** assisting missions ranging from debris removal, to health and safety checks and transporting generators, cots, food, and blankets.

**Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP)** reports seven people have died from weather-related traffic accidents. The latest accident occurred in St Francois County, where a woman was killed when her vehicle was swept off a low-water crossing by flood-waters. **The Patrol sent two officers to assist the Boliver Police Department with a call.**

**Division of Fire Safety** is working requests for Incident Management Teams as needed. DIVISION reminds all jurisdictions to be careful with 1). Exceeding capacities, which would hinder prompt evacuation in case of fire at shelters, warming centers, and feeding centers. 2). Where use of generators is involved, make sure that they are properly vented and the fuel source is not leaking creating additional hazards.

**Missouri Department of Transportation** is responding throughout the State. Southeast District (District 10) has been on standby, but experience local flooding and is ready to assist other districts as requested. Several maintenance facilities without power. Storm debris and power lines are the largest problem currently facing MoDOT, especially in the Southwest area (District 7, 8 and 9). Roads conditions are improving, but watching for re-freezing as temperatures drop below freezing. MoDOT has activated their Emergency Operations Center (since Friday night). 40 traffic systems are without power in the St. Louis system. **MoDOT offered to stage emergency vehicle fuel operations at district maintenance offices.**

**Missouri Dept of Conservation (MDC)** is assisting with debris clearance activities in Greene County.

**Missouri Dept of Natural Resources (MDNR)** issued a waiver on January 13 on landfill restrictions for storm generated yard waste and Energy Center staff is working with fuel supply issues in the impacted counties.

**Missouri Dept of Health and Senior Services** – working on nursing home power restoration and checking for special needs populations health issues. **The DSR is monitoring and assisting with health related issues.**

**Office of Administration (OA)** has delivered over 100 generators throughout the affected area as well as 11 palletes of Meals-Ready –to- Eat to the affected area. OA is checking on property damage at State properties and particularly at the Department of Health and Senior Services headquarters building.

**Department of Social Services** – is helping staff shelters with **Division of Children Services staff** where needed.

### **Volunteer Agency Actions**

**As of 3 p.m., there were 89 shelters operational across the state with a population of 2897.**

**American Red Cross (ARC) – ordering additional cots and blankets.** 50,000 heater meals are on order. Southern Baptist relief services has been requested to supply three portable kitchens to be located in Greene, Polk and third place to be announced. **Requested information on shelter needs for all impacted areas to better direct incoming resources.**

**The Salvation Army (TSA),** are assisting with feeding and shelter operations throughout the state. SA supplied 1,700 meals in Greene County yesterday. They are also setting up a center in Jasper County. Both ARC and SA will be handling food distribution from the Baptist Feeding Centers.

**AmeriCorps** is supporting operations in shelters and EOCs as well as supplying generators across the affected area. **They are sending a 4 person shelter team to Pierce City (Lawrence County). They are activating an 800 number for people to call needing assistance soon.**

### **Weather**

The National Weather Service (NWS) reports cloudy skies with snow flurries throughout the state and the cold front exits the state. High winds may affect operations this afternoon and evening. Warming trend is indicated for later in the week. **Colder temperatures overnight, light snow over East Central MO. Temperatures will remain cold thru Wednesday. Temperatures will warm up to 38 degrees on Thursday.**

### **Point of Contact:**

Calls to the SEOC can be made at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed on a 24-hour basis until the end of the week.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>